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1. Prior to 9 April 1953, the Flak Kaserne in Brandenburg was occupied to capacity by 750 to 800 troops. On the morning of 1 April, about 250 troops with flags passed in review in the barracks yard; they were subsequently inspected. On 2 April, about 50 soldiers engaged in athletic exercises and 300 troops received gas-defense instructions. On 3 April, 1 x 100-mm AT gun, 1 x 76-mm AT gun and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were detained at the Altstadt railroad station. They came from the direction of Justerbog and drove to the Flak Kaserne upon unloading. On 5 April, 4 trucks [redacted] 4 x 37-mm AA guns were loaded at the Altstadt railroad station for shipment toward Oranienburg.

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2. Between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 2 April 1953, Highway No 103 in Doeberitz, between the Olympische Dorf and Altes Lager, was blocked off because of columns which marched from Doeberitz-West to Neues Lager. [redacted] On 7 and 8 April, 4 trains with a total of 52 boxcars were loaded in Doeberitz. The unit entrained came from Doeberitz-West and included about 700 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, billeting equipment, 5 tractors with two trailers each, 18 prime movers towing 100-mm AT guns and 119 trucks including 24 with 76-mm AT guns. 2

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3. The following loading were observed at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station:

On 7 April: a train of an undetermined number of flatcars with 13 x 76-mm field guns, 40 trucks, 1 sedan, and 1 jeep, 10 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and billeting equipment and ammunition on 13 boxcars. The train pulled out toward a westerly direction at 2 p.m.

On the afternoon of 7 April: a train of an undetermined number of flatcars with about 40 trucks, sedan [redacted] 3 tank trucks, 9 boxcars with billeting equipment and 8 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The train pulled out toward a westerly direction at about 7:30 p.m.

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On the morning of 8 April: a train of an undetermined number of flatcars with 9 x 100-mm AT guns, 9 prime movers including [redacted] 2 small prime movers and 25 trucks

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[redacted] troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets in 9 boxcars and billeting equipment in 9 boxcars. The train pulled out toward a westerly direction at 2:45 p.m.

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On the afternoon on 8 April: a train of an undetermined number of flatcars with 10 x 100-mm AT guns, 10 prime movers including [redacted] 4 x 76-mm field guns, 4 small prime movers and about 20 trucks

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[redacted] 15 boxcars with billeting equipment, 1 sedan, and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 6 boxcars with boxes and equipment. The train pulled out toward a westerly direction at about 7:15 p.m.

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On the morning of 9 April: a train of an undetermined number of flatcars with 13 x 76-mm field guns, about 15 trucks, including [redacted]

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[redacted] billeting equipment and boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and uniformed women.

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4. At about 5 p.m. on 26 March, 12 flatcars carrying 2 trucks each, 4 flatcars carrying 1 rocket launcher of about 300 mm, 1 flatcar with a field kitchen and 8 boxcars with troops were loaded at the Veltin railroad station for shipment toward Oranienburg-Loewenberg. At 9 a.m. on 27 March, this train had apparently been unloaded in Neuruppin.

5. On 9 April, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Bernau was occupied by 1,500 troops belonging to artillery and signal communication units. [redacted] the tank units [redacted] transferred to the training area. Twelve x 57-mm AT guns, 6 mortars of about 120 mm and trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] were identified in the billeting area.⁴ On 9 April, the former German Army clothing depot I was occupied to capacity by 1,500 artillery troops. All garages were occupied to capacity. The materiel observed included 24 x 76-mm AT guns, 20 x 100-mm AT guns, 24 x 76-mm or 85-mm AT guns and trucks [redacted]

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6. At about 11 a.m. on 24 March, 1 train of 12 flatcars with 2 trucks each, 4 flatcars with 1 rocket launcher of about 300 mm each, 1 flatcar with 1 field kitchen and 8 boxcars with troops was loaded at the Neuruppin railroad station for shipment toward Berlin. [redacted] the train carried a unit that was to return to its post.⁵

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7. The following loadings and shipments were observed in Doeberitz on 1 April:

At about 2 p.m.: 12 flatcars were loaded with 7 T-34/85 tanks, 3 SY-121s, 2 JS-3 tanks, [redacted] The train left toward Nauen.⁶

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At about 6 p.m.: 7 tank cars were loaded onto 7 flatcars and troops onto 2 boxcars. [redacted] Another 12 trucks stood on the loading ramp.

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At about 10 a.m. on 7 April, 7 flatcars, each with a truck and 1 x 85-mm AT gun, 6 flatcars, each with 2 trucks, 1 flatcar with a field kitchen and 2 boxcars with troops pulled out of the Doeberitz railroad station. Motor vehicle [redacted] were identified.²

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3. At about 9 p.m. on 17 March, a train of 120 axles carrying Soviet infantry and engineer troops with 3-sectional pontoons passed through Sassnitz toward Prora [redacted]. Twelve pontoons were observed in Prora on 20 March. A radio station was under construction near Drosewitz on 16 March. At the beginning of April, work on the Borchtitz, Martinshagen, Glowe railroad spur track was sped up. After 20 March, unusually many motor vehicles were observed in Sassnitz for the first time.

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1. Comment. [redacted] same shipment at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station on 30 March. [redacted]
The motor vehicles probably belong to the 25th Tank Div.

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2. Comment. [redacted] Reports on transportation revealed that four troop trains went from Doeberitz to Neustrelitz on 8 and 9 April. It appears that the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) moved for summer training to the camp near Speck, west of Neustrelitz, which became known in 1952.

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3. Comment. The information [redacted] does not furnish clear indications whether elements of the 12th Gds Tank Div from Neuruppin or elements of the 90th RL Regt (US) from Schoenwalde were on the train. The caliber of the rocket launchers favors the 90th RL Regt (US).

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4. Comment. [redacted]
[redacted] The units referred to [redacted] as tank units may have only been the 435th Gds Mecz Regt. Last year, the units from Bernau started departing about 12 April.

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5. Comment. [redacted] statements on the organization of the unidentified artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were correct. The brigade consists of 2 medium AT regiments, each with 24 x 76.2-mm field guns and of a heavy AT artillery regiment with 24 x 100-mm AT guns.

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6. Comment. Reports on transportation indicated that this train carried tanks of the 1st Mecz Div and went to Neustrelitz.

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